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If there was any doubt that it is winter the recent wind and snow should have dispelled

that doubt. Despite some challenging conditions, Field Maintenance kept the airport open. We did have some divers to our sister airport, Fairbanks International, due to the visibility, winds and turbulence but compared to the issues that many airports in the lower 48 seem to have during storms we fared pretty well.

As usual, there seem to be a lot of things happening in and around the airport. We have a potential tenant for much of the Kulis property, GCI. TSA has installed new scanners, and the multi-year effort of the West Anchorage District Plan is drawing to a close. That plan sets the stage for development by and around the airport to try to minimize conflict between the airport and our neighbors. One of the more interesting potential recommendations of the plan is for the Municipality of Anchorage and the airport to consider trading some property so that the ownership matches the best use of the property. It may surprise many people to discover that areas such as the Connor's Bog dog park are actually airport property and could be developed by airport tenants someday. A land trade could help preserve such recreational areas more permanently.

Regardless of the specifics this planning effort points out how the airport does not exist in a vacuum. The airport is part of Anchorage and serves not only Anchorage, but Alaska and the global economy. We must make sure that we take a very wide angle look at how we operate to ensure that we remain competitive compared to other airports around the world. In this day and age of a sluggish economy being efficient and economical is even more important.

I hope you have enjoyed the holidays. Remember that any time you fly, arrive a little early to avoid stress and use the extra time to enjoy our artwork, grab a bite to eat and browse through our great gift shops.

Safe Travels,
John P.



Airfield Maintenance checks Lake Hood
Ice Depth

LAKE HOOD

Lake Hood Seaplane Base pilots really enjoy flying during the summer float season, however, many pilots look forward to flying their ski equipped aircraft from the frozen surface of Lakes Hood & Spenard. Once a pilot is certified for float flying a whole new world of off-airport operations opens up as they can now access many rivers and lakes that are off-limits to wheel equipped aircraft. When Lakes Hood & Spenard are frozen, with approximately 12 inches of ice and covered with snow, ski equipped aircraft slowly begin using the frozen surface, with peak operations between January and April of each year. Ski flying actually offers even more off-airport locations to operate from compared to float flying. Frozen rivers, snowed covered meadows, and frozen lakes are possible at many remote locations. Please check with the Lake Hood General Aviation Office (907.266.2741) for a ski aircraft tie down location on Lakes Hood & Spenard.

Photo: DeHaviland Twin Otter leaving for Prince William Sound after maintenance at lake Hood Seaplane Base.



FACILITIES SECTION OVERVIEW

It is a popular belief that the Airport Facilities section is only responsible for keeping the rest rooms clean and the lights on. I'm here to dispel that perception and bring attention to how big of a part we play in keeping people healthy, safe, and warm as well as contributing to the safe and efficient flow of aircraft operations.

As the Airport Facilities Manager, I am responsible for the largest section at the Airport. One hundred thirty five State employees and eighty employees operating under service level agreements work hard to maintain two passenger terminals and fifty three support facilities spread out over five thousand acres. Our total square footage of maintenance responsibilities is just a little over 2 million square feet, not including Kulis ANG Base. This also makes us the largest public facility in the State of Alaska.

We have a variety of specialized trades that range from custodial, heating, ventilation and air conditioning technicians, electricians, electronic technicians, carpenters, maintenance generalist and plumbers. Besides maintaining general infrastructure equipment associated with large facilities, we have several complex systems required for moving aircraft and passengers. We are responsible for several miles of conveyer systems used for moving baggage, the Airport access control system and close circuit television system for security, advanced building automation and fire alarm and suppression, public announcement and paging, flight schedule displays and passenger loading bridges.

During the last year we processed 26,000 work orders which required 72,000 labor hours to complete and over 3.2 million bags were run through our baggage handling system. We take great pride in the reliability and minimal downtime of our equipment used in the transportation process by the public and our tenants.

In addition to preventive and corrective maintenance, we play a big role in construction projects; whether Airport sponsored, a new concession, or a tenant build out. We review the design plans to ensure they meet international, Municipal and Airport Terminal Construction codes. System connectivity and compatibility to existing infrastructure is also managed by facilities. During the construction process we are also onsite to inspect the contractor's progress and ensure codes and construction standards are being met.

This has been a very busy year for my section. We were heavily involved with the new Badge Office, Airport Communications Center, new North Terminal loading bridges and several new concessions within the South Terminal. In addition to all this, we picked up maintenance responsibilities for the remaining buildings at the old Kulis ANG Base. And if you like the holiday decorations or you've appreciated events provided at the Airport...we handle that as well.

I am very proud of the men and women in my section. They are great, hard working individuals dedicated to meeting your needs. We are looking forward to the challenges that face us in 2012. — Larry Swanson, Facilities Manager

AIRFIELD UPGRADES

Over the last 10 years, the airfield at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport has been improved in preparation for the new Design Group VI (DGVI) aircraft, including the Boeing 747-8, Airbus A380 and Antonov An-225. These new aircraft require wider runways, taxiways, and parking positions in order to accommodate their wider wingspan and other characteristics.

The airport has sequentially reconstructed many of the runways, taxiways and airplane parking aprons. Runway 7R/25L was reconstructed, lengthened by 1500', and widened to 200' structural area. Taxiways C, G, J, K, Q, and R have been reconstructed and widened to 100' structural width to provide the aircraft access to the parking aprons, where the aircraft are serviced and refueled. Parking positions R8-14 have been reconstructed and made larger. In addition, new parking aprons P1-3 were built in a previously undeveloped area between the North Terminal and the FedEx facility. Leaseholders on the Airport property have also been busy with construction: FedEx has added 2 airplane parking positions, UPS and AK CargoPort have both added 5 parking positions.

These airfield changes benefit all the airlines, not only the ones operating DGVI aircraft. With the extension of runway 7R/25L and the improvements to the taxiways, most cargo aircraft are now able to taxi, park, refuel, and take off again without taxiing through the South Terminal area. This improves the movement of all aircraft on the ground, making shorter taxi times and less fuel consumption. Everyone reaps the benefit of greater efficiency.

It is through great planning and coordination over the last decade that the airfield at ANC is ready to accommodate the next generation of aircraft. We are on track to take on new challenges that will keep ANC on the leading edge to become a nexus for air transportation in the world.



UPS was the first airline to use the reconstructed 7R/25L Runway.

AIRPORT POLICE AND FIRE

Our Service to the Community...

As most of you are aware, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Police and Fire is dedicated to service to our community. Police and Fire officers participated in the "Fill the Boot" campaign for Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) in September.

The "Fill the Boot" Campaign was a great success! Generous people are ready and willing to help in a worthy cause, both within our airport ranks as well as within the general public.

After three hours of standing out at the intersection of International Airport Road and Postmark we managed to pull in roughly \$3,200. All told with our total and with Anchorage Fire Department's efforts we managed to garner just about \$80,000 to donate to the MDA telethon the following weekend. Not bad!

Thanks to those that were there taking in donations; Officers Farmer, Goss, Hall, B. Lewis, Meade, Perry, Skupnik, Weight and Sgt Gallagher.

— Jesse Davis, Chief of ANC Police and Fire



CONCESSIONS AND LEASING

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

The North Terminal may have survived “The Frozen Ground;” however, staff may never be the same! It was an experience many of us will remember for a long time. The actors were very professional and friendly.

The airport staff received many positive comments from various movie production departments complimenting us on our unity, flexibility, and great attitudes. The publicist, and camera crew, on behalf of Nicolas Cage, thanked us for the professional way the VIP rooms were handled and their privacy honored.

Thanks again to all who helped make this a successful fun event at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport!

CONCESSIONS

The Cinnabon concessionaire is gearing up to begin construction on the new Cinnabon location in the Concourse B Hex area. This will be a full service Cinnabon, including breakfast sandwiches, specialty drinks, and, of course, Cinnabons.

We reported in the last AirTimes that Yogurtland would be available in the secure (airside) area. Unfortunately there are some issues to work through before this can happen. We’ll keep you posted.



The new retail concession in Concourse B is open and ready to serve you. They carry souvenirs, wonderful handmade items, and an awesome line of outdoor wear.

NEW AIRPLANE IN TOWN!



It is expected that by mid-February several other carriers will also be flying 747-8's through Anchorage with up to eight on the ground daily.

The first Boeing 747-8 Freighter to land in Anchorage arrived on December 15th on route to Los Angeles. The following day, we were able to catch a glimpse of the newest, most efficient airplane in the skies.

The 747-8 features advanced technology in the wing engineering and engines, double-digit improvements in fuel burn, lower emissions and is 30% quieter than the 474-400 Freighter.

DOT Commissioner Marc Luiken spoke at a welcome reception held to commemorate the arrival, stating that ANC has worked hard for several years to be prepared for the next generation of aircraft, and welcoming the new opportunities that such aircraft provide.



HOLIDAY EVENTS

In keeping with Airport Tradition, this holiday season Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport hosted volunteer choral, band and orchestral groups. Many thanks to all who made these performances successful:

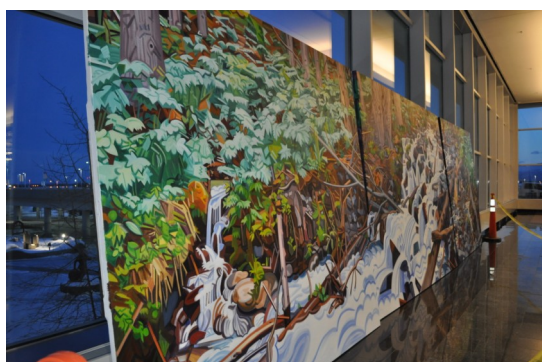
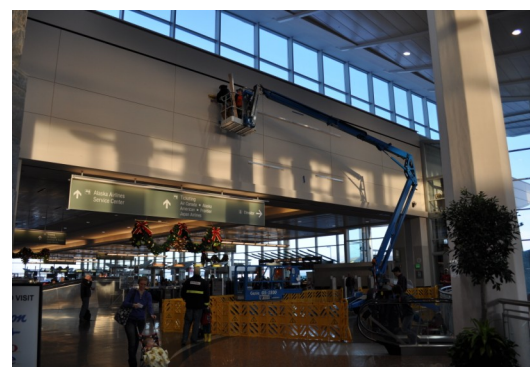
ACS Singers
 O'Malley Elementary Chorus
 Bayshore Elementary Choir
 Service High School Choir
 Taku Elementary Choir
 ACS Jazz Band
 Lake Otis Choir
 Eagle River High Jazz Band
 Huffman Elementary School Choir
 Eagle River High Symphonic Strings
 Arctic Winds Flute Choir
 Hail Violin Trio
 Hanshew Middle School Orchestra
 Birchwood ABC Elementary Choir
 Hanshew Middle School Jazz Band
 TubasRus
 Fireweed Flutes
 Midnight Sons Chorus
 Mears Middle School Brass Quintet
 Classical Quartet
 Crossbones Trombone Quartet



NEW ART AT THE AIRPORT

Airport Facilities and Fairbanks artist David Mollett worked together to hang his new artwork in the Ticketing area of the Airport, above the escalators. The work, called "Rainbow Creek" is a 9' X 32' oil on canvas painting on three panels. The work is based on numerous studies done in the field at Rainbow Creek near the trailhead at mile 108, Seward Highway. The artist wrote, "I've painted in the area for many years and love the crashing waterfalls as the creek approaches Turnagain Arm. The rough bark cottonwood trees, devil's club, and crashing water with a network of fallen branches, makes for a dramatic woodland scene. The light is even and soft due to the canopy of leaves high overhead."

"My painting style is based on careful, proportional drawing and close attention to tonal and color intervals in the simplified shapes. Light is the overall organizing principal for me. While there is no exact term for my approach, I'm influenced by abstract painting as much as realist styles."



"The State of Alaska's 1% for Art program has been a great thing for artists and the public. We now have many public works in all sorts of buildings that would have been rather dry and institutional otherwise. I have completed about a dozen projects; the Anchorage Jail and the Wastewater Treatment Facility are two of the more unusual."



FUTURE EVENTS

Job Fair

The annual Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Job Fair is currently scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 10AM to 3PM. Free parking will be available for attendees.

Alaska State Aviation Trade Show & Conference

Mark your calendars:

“The GREAT ALASKA AVIATION GATHERING” 15th Alaska State Aviation Trade Show and Conference will be held May 5th and 6th, 2012.



SUSAN WATSON— “THE QUEEN OF LAKE HOOD”



Susan Watson, “The Queen of Lake Hood”, died Sunday, December 18, 2011 surrounded by her family and friends after a seven week battle with cancer.

Lake Hood Seaplane Base manager Andy Hutzel had these kind words for Susan:

Approximately thirteen years ago Susan had already worked for the State of Ohio, Department of Motor Vehicles for (many) years. Susan decided she'd had enough working for Ohio DMV and liquidated everything. Susan had never been to Alaska, however that was her destination...looking for a new life, with adventure. It was the State of Alaska's, and my, good fortune that Susan wanted to work at the Lake Hood Seaplane Base.

I often told Susan she was wasting her talents at Lake Hood, she was capable of doing any job she wanted. Extremely organized and always doing for others, especially the 1,000 Lake Hood pilots. She loved them and they in turn loved her. Susan could remember any number she ever looked at. Some of her former employees from the Ohio DMV would phone and ask her what their home addresses where, just to test her

memory. Without hesitation Susan would rattle off their addresses like she was still in Ohio. Alaskan pilots would see Susan at Costco and for fun ask, “What's my aircraft registration and aircraft tie down space number?” Susan would answer both correctly and then proceed, with pride, to tell them their home address, home phone, work phone and cell phone numbers.

Simply amazing.

